IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Akiyoshi TAKADA Appin. No. 09/918,725 Date Filed: August 1, 2001 For: CLOSED BATTERY

Art Unit: 1745 Examiner: T. M. Dove

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: TAKADA=5A

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [X] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. []

[XX] No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	SMALL ENTITY					
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE				
	x 9	\$				
	x 43	\$				
	+ 145	\$				
ADDITIO	NAL FEE TOTAL	\$				

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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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Sir:

In resonse to the Office Action of October 31, 2003, please enter the following amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.